

(9) More than 8 years old diesel buses and all pre 1990 autos and taxies have been taken off the road.

(10) Government has constituted Environmental Pollution (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Authority for National Capital Region for periodic monitoring of implementation of action points and priority measures enlisted in the White Paper on Pollution in Delhi and for taking appropriate measures for control of pollution in National Capital Region.

Hunting of Elephants and Tigers

†4612. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that continuous hunting of Elephants and Tigers is still going on in various sanctuaries/forests of the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that this is all because of collusion of Government agencies; and

(c) if so, whether Government would consider handing over of the security work of these sanctuaries to any other non-Government agency?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Cases of poaching of Elephants and Tigers from various parts of the country are reported from time to time. Investigation conducted by the wildlife protection staff and other investigative agencies like CBI have revealed that the poaching is done by highly organised mafias who are well trained and equipped with sophisticated weapons. There is no conclusive evidence of collusion of Government agencies in poaching during the recent past.

(c) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.